

Rule Making Notice

You should have received a copy of the "Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules and Regulations" as it was included with your license renewal application, which was mailed in November. A public hearing will be held in Casper on January 24th regarding the proposed changes. You are encouraged to review the proposed changes and provide written comment and/or oral testimony at the hearing. The changes proposed include electronic transmission of prescriptions from practitioner to pharmacy, requirement for a written policy if prescriptions are made available or delivered to the public when the pharmacy is closed, revision of pharmacy technician rules (Chapter 10), and a requirement that the offer to counsel a patient is restricted to the pharmacist. These proposed changes will impact your daily pharmacy activities and should be reviewed. A significant change involves the offer to counsel. Currently either the pharmacist or his agent may make the offer to counsel. The proposed rule limits the offer to counsel as well as the counseling to a pharmacist or a pharmacy intern. If you have questions or need another copy of the rule making notice, contact the Board's office or you may view the notice on the Board's web page (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>).

Golden Certificate - 50 Years of Service

Congratulations to the following pharmacists who have completed fifty years of service in 2001 as a licensed pharmacist in Wyoming. The Board of Pharmacy recognizes these pharmacists, and is grateful for their years of service to the pharmacy profession.

J.D. Brice (November 15, 1951, date of original licensure), **William W. Hileman** (June 30, 1951, date of original licensure), **Lucretia H. Olsen** (June 30, 1951, date of original licensure), **Kenneth F. Parpart** (June 30, 1951, date of original licensure), **Oscar M. Ray** (June

30, 1951, date of original licensure), and **Kenneth F. Witzeling** (June 30, 1951, date of original licensure).

License Renewals

Renewal notices for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians were mailed November 1st to the address of record for each licensee. If you have not received your renewal contact the Board's office. You will notice some changes in your renewal application. In particular you will need to complete those questions regarding licensure in other states, disciplinary actions, substance abuse issues, malpractice issues, and felony/misdemeanor charges/convictions. This is in response to a change in the Wyoming Pharmacy Act, which occurred during the last session of the legislature. License renewals will not be processed if the application is received incomplete. To avoid the late payment fee, your renewal application must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2001 or be delivered to the Board's office by that date. Contact the Board's office if you have any questions regarding your license renewal.

Board of Pharmacy Web Page (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>)

You can now verify the license/registration for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and controlled substance practitioners on the web page. The Board will update this file monthly. Concerning practitioners, it will not list their DEA number, but you can search the database if you know the practitioners DEA number. We decided to not list the DEA number for each registrant as the web page is available for review by the public. Please contact the Board's office if you have questions or problems utilizing this data.

Opening a new pharmacy?

If you are planning to open a pharmacy in Wyoming, you should be aware that in addition to the license and registration requirements, the Board of Pharmacy has physical

structure and equipment requirements. These include minimum size, type of entrance locks, and walls that extend to the roof if the pharmacy is located within another business. Sink and restroom requirements are also covered. The Board office has a checklist, which lists all physical structure and equipment requirements. To obtain this list, contact the Board office.

Closing your pharmacy?

We hope not, but if you are closing your pharmacy, you should know that the Board office has a list of procedures that must be followed. One of the requirements is advance notice to your patients of the new location where their records can be accessed and their prescriptions can be refilled. Other requirements include inventory, destruction, and transfer of controlled substances and removal of pharmacy signs. An after closing inspection is required. To obtain the Board's pharmacy closure procedures, please contact the Board office.

Technicians inputting new prescription orders or refills (Mike Stadick)

Pharmacists must remember that even though you are allowing your technicians or technicians-in-training to input new prescription orders, you have a responsibility to review the patient record and each prescription presented for:

1. Overutilization or underutilization;
2. Therapeutic duplication;
3. Drug-disease contraindications;
4. Drug-drug contraindications;
5. Incorrect drug dosage or duration of drug treatment;
6. Drug-allergy interactions; and
7. Clinical abuse/misuse.

If a problem exists, the pharmacist shall attempt to resolve it by consulting with the prescriber and documenting the discussion.

For more information on Prospective Drug Use Review, review Chapter 9, Section 4 in your Wyoming Pharmacy Act Rules and Regulations.

Telephoned Prescriptions--Watch for Bogus RXs! (Don Deyo)

Board inspectors have investigated several recent controlled substance diversions in which prescriptions have been telephoned to the pharmacy by perpetrators pretending to be agents of the prescriber. If you have doubts regarding any prescription called in to your pharmacy, it is best to contact the office to verify the call. Some of these telephone forgers are calling in after officer hours pretending to be the doc, knowing that you will have difficulty reaching the prescriber to verify the order. One possible solution to this problem is to fill only the amount needed until the doc can be contacted, but this could be a substantial amount on a weekend. A simple method to curb this practice is to require driver's license identification when the prescription is picked up. If the patient's name, address, and a driver's license number are recorded when the Rx is picked up, this will be helpful information for the police when you find out that you have filled a bogus Rx.

Newly Licensed Pharmacists

The following pharmacists have been licensed since the September newsletter: Malachia C. Clark, Krista S. Evans, Lezlie A. Hill, Rafe E. Holmes, Heather L. Kappeler, Jeffrey M. Rusk, Matt Stanton, Christopher Strong, and Linda L. Wells. *Congratulations!*

Newly Licensed Pharmacy Technicians

The following pharmacy technicians have been licensed since September newsletter:
Bernadine Kay-Ann Butz, Stephanie L. Fountain, April A. Gordon, Sandra Hansen, Melinda E. Mehling, Kelly D. Miller, and Neva Mitchard.

Congratulations!

Advanced Practitioners of Nursing

The following advanced practitioners of nursing have met the Wyoming State Board of Nursing's requirements for prescriptive authority: **Louanna Marie Bradley**, 180 Grandview Drive, Green River, WY (Family Nurse Practitioner), **Barbara Kurlan**, 6966 Lake View Pt Drive, Longmont, CO 80503 (Family Nurse Practitioner), and **Luchia Torres**, 3068 Reed, Cheyenne, WY (Family Nurse Practitioner).

Alcohol or Drug Problem? Confidential Assistance is Available

Call WPAP at (307) 472-1222

If you are concerned about yourself or a colleague, please call Wyoming Professional Assistance Program to discuss your concerns anonymously. We assist impaired healthcare professionals to get the help they need without necessarily jeopardizing their licenses.

Special Notice about This Newsletter

The *Wyoming Board of Pharmacy News* had been designated as the official method of notification to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians licensed by the Wyoming Board of Pharmacy. Please read these newsletters and keep them for future reference. These newsletters will be used in hearings as proof of notification.